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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on the following foreign application filed in Japan:

Application No. 2000-218234, filed July 19, 2000.

A certified copy of this foreign application was filed on July 17, 2001 in U. S. application Serial No. 09/906,060.

Respectfully submitted,

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